



# History of the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot

## A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Construction of the Pueblo Ordnance Depot began in February 1942 with the first carload of ammunition received in August 1942.

Although originally planned for the storage and supply of ammunition, almost immediately facilities were expanded to receive, store, and issue general supplies to support World War II.

In 1946, Pueblo was assigned the mission of maintaining and overhauling artillery, fire control, and optical equipment. Two years later, ammunition renovation and demilitarization were added to that mission.

During the Korean War, shipments of general supplies and ammunition increased, and the depot reached its highest civilian strength of nearly 8,000 employees. Missile maintenance was added to the depot's mission in the 1950s and in 1962, the depot was renamed Pueblo Army Depot.

The missile maintenance mission at Pueblo, with the exception of maintenance of the Pershing missile, was transferred to Letterkenny Army Depot in 1974.

In 1976, Pueblo was given depot activity status and assigned to the Tooele Army Depot Complex.

In December 1987, the United States and the then-Soviet Union entered into the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. Pueblo was assigned to do disassembly and elimination. Pueblo completed its INF and Pershing mission in May 1991.

Pueblo Depot Activity was in the forefront of support to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm shipping a large part of contingency stocks, in addition to ammunition and supplies to Southwest Asia.



*Overhaul and maintenance of 2.5 ton amphibious vehicles are past missions of the depot.*

The depot was designated for realignment by the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The installation was renamed Pueblo Chemical Depot in 1996.

The depot's current mission is the safe and secure storage of chemical weapons, while setting the conditions to return depot land and facilities to the Pueblo community.

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